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Dear Members of the Forest Carbon Workgroup:

I'm writing to thank you for contributing your valuable time, energy, and ideas (once again for many of you) to the collaborative search for tools to help landowners maintain and increase the carbon sequestered by our state's forests. Your critical work will contribute to Washington State continuing to exercise leadership on this major topic of climate and forest policy. Your work will also contribute to implementation of ESHB 2541 regarding forestry incentive programs.

You're building on a difficult but successful consensus accomplishment many of you produced in 2008. This year's work to pursue greater specificity on several forest carbon topics and make influential recommendations to the legislature and others will be no less difficult, and no less important. I strongly encourage your hard work and willingness to collaboratively pursue common objectives in ways that meet everyone's bottom-line needs. I also want to be sure you understand that I will do everything in my power to advance collaborative recommendations of this workgroup, whether that be within Washington State government, Federal deliberations, or private venues.

Please let me know how I can assist you in your efforts. I have asked Craig Partridge, your workgroup co-chair, to keep me apprised of your progress, and I hope to be able to join you at one of your meetings.

Best wishes in your work.

Sincerely,

Peter Goldmark
Commissioner of Public Lands

cc: Honorable Christine Gregoire
Ted Sturdevant, Director of Ecology
Honorable Ken Jacobsen
Honorable Phil Rockefeller
Honorable Brian Blake
Honorable John McCoy